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1. YULIA TYMOSHENKO PARTICIPATES IN MUNICH SECURITY CONFERENCE

On 15-16 February Batkivshchyna Party Leader Yulia Tymoshenko together with Deputy Head of Batkivshchyna and Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada Committee on Human Rights Hryhoriy Nemyria participated in the Munich Security Conference.

In the framework of conference events, Yulia Tymoshenko held a number of bilateral meetings with world leaders, European officials, and politicians:

 Yulia Tymoshenko met with IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde

The parties discussed in detail the social and economic situation in Ukraine, the

prospects for the economic development of our country, and cooperation between Ukraine and the IMF.

Yulia Tymoshenko stressed "the need to continue cooperation with the IMF taking into account the real situation in the economy and social sphere, so that the issues of the macro-financial stability and social cohesion, and the living standards of Ukrainian citizens were balanced rather than in conflict."

The parties separately discussed the priorities and challenges for the implementation of reforms in Ukraine after the presidential elections.

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"I had an open discussion with Yulia Tymoshenko on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference. conversation focused on recent economic developments in Ukraine and the need for continued implementation authorities' economic reform agenda under the IMF-supported Stand-By Arrangement, including the anticorruption framework," said Christine Lagarde in her statement published on the IMF official site.

https://www.imf.org/en/News/Articles/2 019/02/16/pr1949-statement-bylagarde-on-the-meeting-with-formerprime-minister-of-ukraine-yuliatymoshenko

 Yulia Tymoshenko met with US Special Representative for Ukraine Kurt Volker

The parties discussed the situation in Ukraine with a focus on Russian aggression in the east of the country, the possibilities for ending the war and establishing a stable peace in Donbas, as well as the issues of bilateral cooperation between the US and Ukraine.

Yulia Tymoshenko underlined the need to hold negotiations in the Budapest+ format with the leaders of the signatory countries of the Budapest Memorandum and including the EU High Commissioner and German leadership.

"Our political force has done everything possible to protect Ukraine's national

interests," she said, informing Mr. Volker about the "New Strategy for Peace" plan drafted by a group of experts upon the initiative of the Batkivshchyna Party leader.

For his part, Kurt Volker confirmed US support for the sovereignty and independence of our state, noting that the US would continue to make efforts for the reestablishment of the territorial integrity of Ukraine and establishment of peace in the east.



The parties also discussed the implementation of reforms in Ukraine and the fight against corruption.

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 Yulia Tymoshenko met with President of Estonia Kersti Kaljulaid

The Batkivshchyna Party leader thanked Kersti Kaljulaid for her support and assistance to Ukraine during the current difficult times.

"You were the first state leader to visit the conflict zone in Donbas. You named the war a "war" and do not leave us alone to face the aggressor country, Russia. We are sincerely grateful for everything you have done for us and for your help," Yulia Tymoshenko stressed.

On her part, the President of Estonia noted: "We understand that the war in the

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east of Ukraine is our common threat. We are ready to further support your country and people."



The parties discussed the political, social and economic situation in Ukraine, as well as the Euro-Atlantic aspirations of our country and the issues of bilateral cooperation between Estonia and Ukraine.

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> Yulia Tymoshenko met with Lithuanian Minister of Foreign Affairs Linas Linkevičius

The parties discussed the political, social and economic situation in Ukraine, as well as the European aspirations of our country and issues of bilateral cooperation between Lithuania and Ukraine.



Yulia Tymoshenko informed Linas Linkevičius in detail about the challenges our country faced and the strategic programme "the New Course for Ukraine" initiated by Tymoshenko and developed together with experts, representatives of civil society and business community members to draw our country out of the current crisis.

Particular attention was paid to the fight with corruption at senior government levels and the strengthening of anticorruption agencies in our country.

Linas Linkevičius's tweet:

@YuliaTymoshenko, former PM of #Ukraine & candidate in forthcoming presidential elections, at #MSC2019. I have stressed that the ongoing reforms process in Ukraine has to be irreversible. #Lithuania will continue supporting Ukraine's Euro-Atlantic integration

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2. YULIA TYMOSHENKO: NO COMPROMISE WITH THE ENEMY ON THE ISSUE OF ENDING THE WAR

The new government will not agree to any compromise with the Kremlin that will allow for an end to the war at the expense of Ukraine's interests. This was the message from Yulia Tymoshenko during her speech at the third Ukrainian Lunch that took place within the framework of the Munich Security Conference. The topic of the lunch was "Ukraine 2019 – Choices Ahead".

"Be sure, our team will defend Ukraine adamantly. There will be no compromises that will touch Ukraine's interests. In particular, this concerns ending the war," the Batkivshchyna Party leader stressed. During her speech, she stated that the 144 reforms reported on by the current government led to the impoverishment of people. She stressed that the economic prosperity of Ukraine would be an additional weapon in the fight against the

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Russian aggressor. This could be secured by the adoption of a new Constitution and realization of a new economic course.

It is worth noting that the participants of the Ukrainian Lunch included President of Estonia Kersti Kaljulaid, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada Chrystia Freeland, US Special Representative for Ukraine Kurt Volker and others.

Ben Hodges, Commander, US Army Europe (2014-2017), spoke at the lunch, and Stephen Sakur, BBC World News HARD Talk presenter was the moderator of the discussion.

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3. INTERVIEW WITH DW IN MUNICH: YULIA TYMOSHENKO: UKRAINE HEADING FOR 'RESET' OF GOVERNMENT

Ukraine needs a leader who would drive the country's "transformation," Ukraine's presidential candidate Yulia Tymoshenko told DW in Munich. The former PM also slammed the Nord Stream 2 pipeline as unnecessary.

With presidential elections in Ukraine coming up in March, the country is set to see changes at the top, Ukraine's former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko told DW on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference.

"Ukraine is in for a reset of government," Tymoshenko told DW's Maxim Drabok. "I am sure of it."

Tymoshenko is one of the key candidates ahead of the March 31 poll, alongside current President Petro Poroshenko. While both of them are currently trailing behind political outsider Volodymyr Zelensky, analysts still believe the 41-year-old comedian is unlikely to triumph against Poroshenko or Tymoshenko in a run-off vote.

'Deep, real change'

Both President Poroshenko and Tymoshenko have pledged to bring Ukraine into NATO and the EU. However, Tymoshenko told DW that there are some obvious differences between her and the current president.

"It is not enough to simply declare (in favor of) joining the EU and NATO, the president needs to be the main agent of transformation in the country," Tymoshenko said.

"We need deep, real change based on the values of EU and NATO," the 58-year-old Ukrainian said. "But right now, unfortunately, the government is not sticking to these principles and is not turning them into reality."



Bypassing Kyiv with Nord Stream 2
Speaking to DW, Tymoshenko also commented on the controversial Nord Stream 2 project to deliver gas from Russia directly to Germany. Ukraine opposes the project for fear of losing its role as a gas transit nation. With the project completed, Russia would be able to shut off the pipelines passing through Ukraine and deny Kyiv lucrative gas fees, without jeopardizing its buyers in Germany.

In Munich, Tymoshenko said that Nord Stream 2 was unnecessary and ran against Ukraine's interests in terms of its energy economics.

"Ukraine can provide transport for all gas needed for Europe without any problem. That is why it is very regrettable that

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everything is being decided without consulting Ukraine," she said.

From prime minister to prisoner

Ukraine's association agreement with the EU repeatedly states that Kyiv should be consulted over such issues, according to Tymoshenko.

"This is why we hope that all necessary decisions would be made to not build political 'streams' and instead follow economic goals and partnerships," the former prime minister added.

Tymoshenko first grabbed international headlines as one of the leaders of Ukraine's 2004 Orange revolution, before serving as the country's first female prime minister between 2007 and 2010.

Tymoshenko ran for president in 2010, losing to pro-Russian leader Viktor Yanukovych. She was subsequently sentenced for corruption in a trial that was regarded in the West as politically motivated.

The politician was released from prison in the final days of the 2014 Maidan uprising, as Yanukovych fled the country. She then ran for president in the same year, but lost to Poroshenko.

https://www.dw.com/en/yuliatymoshenko-ukraine-heading-for-resetof-government/a-47552389

4. YULIA TYMOSHENKO, ANATOLIY HRYTSENKO, ANDRIY SADOVYI, AND OTHER CANDIDATES UNITE AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM ON FAIR ELECTIONS

Responding to an appeal by civic organizations, Yulia Tymoshenko and other presidential candidates signed the Memorandum for fair elections on 8 February. This happened during the TV show "The Right to Power" on 1+1 TV-channel.

They also discussed parallel vote counting with a view to preventing any

falsifications during the presidential elections on 31 March.

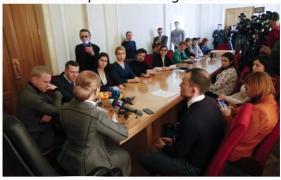
Yulia Tymoshenko reminded that fair elections are a core EU and NATO value, but said the head of state and his entourage pose a threat to a fair vote.

She cited examples of the dirty tricks used by Petro Poroshenko's campaign: giving UAH 1000 to people in exchange for refusal to work for other candidates; expansion of the Register of Voters by the current government by means of socalled ghost voters; registration of clonecandidates (e.g. upon the President's and campaign's initiative, Volodymyrovych Tymoshenko was registered as a candidate, having the same initials Y.V. Tymoshenko in the list of candidates).

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5. YULIA TYMOSHENKO MEETS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ANTI-CORRUPTION CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

On 7 February, Yulia Tymoshenko met with representatives of the Anti-Corruption Agenda initiative that unites 23 anti-corruption civic organizations.



Meeting participants discussed the key problems of Ukraine's anti-corruption policy such as the functioning of anti-corruption agencies and the need to protect them from the influence of politicians.

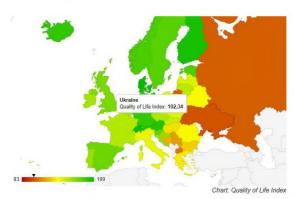
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Yulia Tymoshenko expressed her willingness to continue cooperation with the public in the fight against corruption. https://ba.org.ua/yuliya-timoshenko-zustrilasya-z-predstavnikami-gromadskix-antikorupcijnix-organizacij/

6. UKRAINE HAS LOWER QUALITY OF LIFE THAN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES

Ukraine occupies the 62nd position in the 2019 Quality of Life Index for Country study prepared yearly by Numbeo service, a lower ranking than all neighboring countries.



Source: Numbeo

According to the study, the first three positions in the Quality of Life Index are taken by Denmark, Switzerland, and Finland. Germany is 8th, with Japan and the US 12th and 13th correspondingly. Egypt is the last, ranked 71thin the Index. Belarus has the 37th position. To compare, Lithuania is 29th, Latvia 34th, and Poland 35th.

At the same time, Russia and Ukraine are substantially lagging behind Belarus. The former has the 59th position and our country is 62nd.

https://www.numbeo.com/quality-of-life/rankings_by_country.jsp

7. HROMADSKE TV: UKRAINIAN LAWMAKER CLAIMS POROSHENKO "MAKES DEALS" WITH PUTIN ON A DAILY BASIS

14 February, 2019

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko strikes a deal with Russian President Vladimir Putin every day, according to Serhiy Leshchenko, a Ukrainian politician and former investigative journalist currently serving in parliament as member of Petro Poroshenko's Bloc.

Leshchenko serves on the parliamentary committee on Corruption Prevention and Counteraction and is one of the president's loudest critics. He was formally the Deputy Editor-in-Chief for the Ukrayinska Pravda publication and is known for his work on corruption.

"[The representative] is Viktor Medvedchuk, one of the worst examples of the political, let's say, zoo in Ukraine. He's a political animal, and he's a member of Putin's family, and he's a member of Poroshenko's team. They're conspiring together," he said.

"With the current President, we lost time, we lost money, and we lost spirit of people."

Leshchenko also warned Western governments about betting on the wrong candidate, citing historical missteps in policy that have done little to help Ukraine's fledgling democracy, such as President George H.W. Bush's infamous "Chicken Kyiv" comment.

"If the West put all bets on Poroshenko's side, it means, after the elections, there can be stupid situations, as has happened many times in the past. [Western governments] made a very, let's say, arrogant position towards Ukrainian independence in the 90's....President George H.W. Bush spoke to the parliament of Ukraine and argued







Ukrainians should stay in the Soviet Union."

The Hromadske Network prides itself on its impartiality. Hromadske is run as an NGO "Public Television" (Hromadske TV in Ukrainian). Journalists founded and run the organisation, and the funding comes from non-profit organisations. Launched on the eve of some of the most

tumultuous days in the country's history, Hromadske became the go-to medium for Ukrainians — the place to discover and make sense of what was happening in the country and the region.

https://en.hromadske.ua/posts/ukrainian -lawmaker-claims-poroshenko-makesdeals-with-putin-on-a-daily-basis

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1. YULIA TYMOSHENKO SIGNS A COMMITMENT TO UKRAINIANS

On 7 March, Yulia Tymoshenko signed a Presidential Candidate Commitment to Every Ukrainian Citizen. The document contains a clear list of steps the Batkivshchyna Party leader will implement after her victory in the elections.

Yulia Tymoshenko named the main commitments, the means of implementation of which are set forth in the New Course of Ukraine – a comprehensive document that concerns all spheres of Ukrainian life:

 Establishment of peace throughout Ukraine: "There is no doubt. Donbas and Crimea will be returned";

- Putting the New Constitution to a referendum;
- Overcoming corruption and elimination of the clan oligarchic regime;
- Establishment of medical insurance;
- Introduction of "personified pension system";
- Raising living standards and incomes to current Polish levels within five years;

You can read the full list of commitments

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2. YULIA TYMOSHENKO MEETS WITH U.S. UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

On 7 March, Batkivshchyna Party leader Yulia Tymoshenko met with U.S. Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs David Hale.

First of all, the parties discussed the situation in eastern Ukraine and annexed Crimea.



In this regard, Yulia Tymoshenko called for a strengthening of sanctions against Russia and stressed that Crimea must be returned to Ukraine, while at the same time underlining that her team was not prepared to make any concessions to Russia's President Vladimir Putin. She underlined the need to initiate new negotiations on the war in the Donbas within a new Budapest+ format while preserving the Minsk format negotiations. She thanked the U.S. for the support provided to our state in its fight peace, independence territorial integrity of Ukraine.

Yulia Tymoshenko also informed the Under Secretary about the political and social and economic situation in Ukraine and the process of reform implementation, in particular, the fight against corruption.

"The Ukrainian people deserve the highest praise, but they are fatally unlucky with the government. Today, the government is stuck in corruption. In addition to that, they use the money allocated for the army. This is the worst corruption at a moment when we are

opposing Russian aggression, at a moment when our citizens who barely survive in the harsh economic conditions pay army tax. The whole Ukrainian nation now knows that top government officials are using this money for its corrupt purposes and that concerns all spheres of life," Yulia Tymoshenko said.

Besides, the parties discussed the ongoing election campaign in Ukraine.

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3. REUTERS INTERVIEW WITH YULIA TYMOSHENKO: FOR THE FIRST TIME, WE NEED TO VOTE NOT FOR INDIVIDUALS, BUT FOR REAL, SERIOUS, WELL-FOUNDED PROGRAMS OF ACTION

March 4, 2019

Matthias Williams, Pavel Polityuk

KIEV (Reuters) – Yulia Tymoshenko has been Ukraine's prime minister twice, was the global face of a revolution, imprisoned by two different presidents, and the target of an operation to discredit her by President Donald Trump's former campaign manager.

Now the 58-year-old known for her fiery rhetoric and, once upon a time, for her peasant braid hairstyle, hopes to unseat her old rival Petro Poroshenko in a tightly fought presidential vote on March 31.

Her campaign is a difficult balancing act, promising reforms and continued cooperation with the International Monetary Fund while pledging to reverse sharp increases in the price of gas used for home heating that the IMF set as a condition for more loans.

At stake is the chance to lead Ukraine five years after the Maidan street protests ousted a Kremlin-backed leader and set the country on a pro-Western course and bloody confrontation with Russia.

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When asked whether businesses should worry about her presidency, Tymoshenko pointed to her experience of working with the IMF as prime minister but said that the terms of the current arrangement were counterproductive.

"After the presidential election we would like to start a constructive dialogue with the IMF on how to correct this situation, how to make our joint cooperation bring results that will be felt by the economy of Ukraine and Ukrainian citizens."

For ordinary people, "virtually all of their income is wiped out through exorbitant, unreasonably high gas prices, this means that people have no money left to support the Ukrainian economy", she said.

Her plan for dealing with Russia is to persevere with the Minsk peace talks, which have staunched but not ended the bloodshed in the Donbas. She also called for wider negotiations involving the United States, Britain and the European Union.

She compares the attacks from Poroshenko's camp to that time of Yanukovych's rule. "I know that the strongest propaganda machine is turned against me, as Manafort once did," she

Though soft-spoken during her Reuters interview, Tymoshenko has loudly turned her fire on Poroshenko in public.

She called for his impeachment in February over corruption allegations involving the son of one of Poroshenko's close allies, which were made by an investigative journalist network. All parties involved deny wrongdoing.

So is her long experience in politics a strength or a weakness?

"I believe that Ukraine should end its history of voting for a person, a family name or a cool creative advertisement," she said.

"For the first time, we need to vote not for individuals, but for real, serious, well-founded programs of action. Except us, nobody today has such programs."

https://www.reuters.com/article/usukraine-election-tymoshenko/ukrainestymoshenko-gas-princess-prisoner-andnext-president-idUSKCN1QLOLT

4. EUCHAM: UKRAINE IS THE LAST IN THE 2019 DOING BUSINESS RATING

The EuCham has published BEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES FOR BUSINESS 2019 rating.



Rank		Country	Score
1		Denmark	86
2		Norway	83
3	Ť	Sweden	83
4	1	Finland	83
5		United Kingdom	81
6		Switzerland	80
7		Germany	79
8		Netherlands	79
9		Iceland	78
10		Austria	77
11	†	Estonia	77
12	1	Ireland	76
13		Luxembourg	75
14	t	France	75
15	1	Belgium	74
16	T	Georgia	71

Rank		Country	Score
17	1	Portugal	70
18	1	Lithuania	70
19	†	Latvia	69
20	1	Poland	68
21	1	Spain	68
22	1	Slovenia	68
23		Czech Republic	68
24		Cyprus	65
25		Slovakia	63
26		Italy	62
27	1	Belarus	60
28		Malta	60
29		Croatia	60
30	ļ	Romania	60
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33	1	Montenegro	59
34	1	Turkey	58
35		Bulgaria	57
36	1	Greece	57
37	1	Serbia	56
38	1	Kosovo	56
39		Armenia	55
40	†	Kazakhstan	54
41	1	Moldova	53
42	1	Albania	53
42	1	Russia	53
44	†	Azerbaijan	52
45	1	Bosnia & Herz.	51
46		Ukraine	50

said, lambasting Manafort for "destroying my honest name, belittling my activities".

"Ukraine's last position in this rating is the most recent assessment of "successful reforms" in Ukraine by the European



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Business Community. It confirms that Ukraine needs change and real reforms, not their imitations. President Tymoshenko will move Ukraine forward and implement real systemic change", said Deputy Head of the Batkivshchyna Party Hryhoriy Nemyria.

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5. YULIA TYMOSHENKO: THE AUTHORITIES ARE PLANNING TO MANIPULATE BALLOTS

On March 4, Yulia Tymoshenko, presidential candidate and Head of Batkivshchyna Party, said the CEC is creating conditions for election fraud by simultaneously printing ballots for rounds one and two of voting.



"The fact that the CEC ordered 60 million ballots to be printed for the first and second rounds allows for falsification of the vote by the authorities," Yulia Tymoshenko said during a meeting with the media in Bukovyna.

"The ballots should be printed separately. There is concern this will be used to falsify the election," said the Batkivshchyna Party leader. "It is a shame that this is being done after the Revolution of Dignity. People expected democracy and instead they have falsification," said Tymoshenko.

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6. PRESIDENT POROSHENKO USES POLITICAL CLONES AGAINST HIS COMPETITORS

The number of candidates in this year's elections in Ukraine represents an absolute record in Ukraine's history. As of 4 March, there were 42 candidates on the list. Most of the candidate names are unknown to Ukrainian citizens.

Among the candidates there are classical technical candidates who run in the elections to decrease the electoral support of the likely front-runners. They copy the slogans of their competitor, his/her rhetoric, and draw voters over to their side by relentlessly criticizing their "victim" and underlining his/her weaknesses.

Besides, clone candidates are also being used. They are typical clones who have the same or similar name and initials. On the ballot paper, voters can easily confuse them with the candidate they support and vote for them by mistake. Thus, clone candidates can take away thousands of important votes. The candidate used by the current President Poroshenko against Yulia Tymoshenko is Yuri Tymoshenko.

He has the same initials as Yulia Tymoshenko and was elected to the Parliament in 2014 with the support of the People's Front. Before this, he had almost nothing to do with politics: he was a house painter, driver and later fought in Donbas as part of the National Guards, which promoted his political career.







What are the signs that indicate this candidate is technical? Yuri Tymoshenko seems to be a typical clone candidate. He has the same family name and initials as Yulia Tymoshenko.

https://www.pravda.com.ua/articles/201 9/03/5/7208324/

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RESULTS OF THE POLL OF 2.5 MILLION UKRAINIANS

FIRST ROUND

YULIA TYMOSHENKO

31,68%

VOLODYMYR ZELENSKIY

20,96%

PETRO POROSHENKO

15,80%

1. THE BATKIVSHCHYNA PARTY REVEALS PLANS FOR MASSIVE ELECTION FRAUD BY PRESIDENT POROSHENKO

Fair democratic elections are a national security issue for Ukraine. Elections that will be considered unfair by Ukrainians can provoke unrest, which can in turn be used by the aggressor-state to further destabilize the situation in Ukraine. At stake is Ukraine's survival as a state, the preservation of our independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity.

In this regard, Batkivschyna Party would like to stress that massive fraud is underway from the election campaign of the current President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko, jeopardizing the holding of fair and democratic elections. This is unacceptable. The Batkivshchyna team is calling for joint efforts to counteract the distortion of the will of Ukrainian citizens.

The following methods of massive fraud initiated by President Poroshenko and implemented throughout Ukraine have been identified:

- · use of administrative resources
- giving out special payments from the state budget on the eve of the vote (one-time supplements to pensioners, monetization of subsidies, special payments, etc.)
- direct bribery of voters
- registration of so-called technical candidates and candidates with similar names to other candidates with a view to ensuring majorities in the composition of precinct and district election commissions to falsify election results, and candidates with similar names or so-called clone candidates to other candidates to decrease electoral support for the likely front-runners (On the ballot paper, voters can easily



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- confuse them with the candidate they support and vote for them by mistake. Thus, clone candidates can take away thousands of important votes. The candidate used by the current President Poroshenko against Yulia Tymoshenko is Yuri Tymoshenko).
- contract public opinion polls to distort the assessment of real support among voters for one or another presidential candidate. This is done to legalize future voter bribing and election rigging
- Censorship (in some media, officials have misused resources and abused their office while covering the activity of the current president)
- intimidation of members of Batkivshchvna Partv (many Batkivshchyna Party members appointed precinct election commission chairs have been summoned for questioning lawenforcement agencies, in particular the State Security Service, allegedly within the context of criminal casesfocusing on bribing voters. They have also been pressed withdrawfrom the election campaign)
- bias by the Central Election Commission where there is a propresidential majority of members
- legalization of bribery of voters (distribution of money) by CEC (After a criminal case was initiated on the bribing of voters by the Poroshenko campaign office, the CEC provided clarifications (resolution of 22 February 2019 No. 376) that de facto legalized the bribing procedure used by the campaign office via the mechanism of the so-called reimbursement of costs by means of signing a contract with legal entities for the election campaign.)

- disproportional distribution of leadership positions in district election commissions (according to information on the CEC website, candidate Petro Poroshenko has 25 senior positions in DECs (including 12 chairs, 6 deputy chairs, and 7 secretaries), V. Petrov 24, Y. Lytvynenko 22. At the same time, other candidates have 17 senior positions on the average).
- · use of law enforcement bodies
- concerns over election fraud extend to a range of additional issues.

2. MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR ACCUSES POROSHENKO OF VOTER BRIBERY

12 March 2019: Minister of the Interior of Ukraine Arsen Avakov said that the campaign office of a pro-government candidate allegedly tried to buy votes of pensioners in Kyiv, Kyiv region and one region with the help administrative resources and at the expense of a budget programme. This was stated during the Svoboda Slova talkshow on ICTV. The Minister of the Interior claims the cases took place in Kyiv region, Kyiv, Odesa and Kharkiv regions. https://interfax.com.ua/news/general/57 1728.html

3. KP ON POROSHENKO'S VIOLATIONS DURING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN

Editorials

March 1, 2019

A month before the election, Poroshenko ordered one-time payments of \$90 to the poorest pensioners. Poroshenko has no legal right to order social payments like that. As a president, he has nothing to do with pensions. But pensioners are the most actively voting group in Ukraine, so what the heck.

Let's throw in even more cash! Starting March, or right before the election, the



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government will pay utility subsidies to low-income households in cash, instead of providing a discount as it used to. It will put a bit more cash into the pockets of impoverished Ukrainians — and hopefully, the president's camp must think, will push them to vote for the incumbent.

https://www.kyivpost.com/article/opinio n/editorial/populist-and-clown.html

February 8, 2019

There is concern that Poroshenko has created local fiefdoms among the bigcity mayors of Odesa, Kharkiv and Dnipro and elsewhere in exchange for loyalty.

https://www.kyivpost.com/article/opinion/editorial/free-fair-election.html

4. KP: WHERE ARE DEBATES?

Editorial

February 15, 2019

Ukraine is still not Turkmenistan, where people hail the great leader and hang his picture in every office or school. But for Ukraine to have democracy, its presidential candidates must stop going to only scripted events where praise is heaped on them and no important questions are asked.

President Petro Poroshenko is seeking reelection on March 31 by trying to stay above the campaign fray. He rarely speaks with independent journalists, preferring loyalists and speeches to friendly audiences.

Ukraine has a poor tradition of presidential debates. Leonid Kuchma dodged them in 1999. Viktor Yanukovych refused Yulia Tymoshenko in 2010 and Poroshenko did the same in 2014. Unrehearsed debates help voters by subjecting candidates to scrutiny.

https://www.kyivpost.com/article/opinio n/editorial/where-are-debates.html

5. POLISH DAILY RZECZPOSPOLITA: A PRESIDENT FOR UAH 1000

March 12, 2019

Rusłan Szoszyn

The campaigners hired by the "progovernment campaign office" make a list of the poorest residents and then visit them and ask whether they are ready to support their candidate. If the answer is positive, they offer assistance.

Then, district, city or town authorities get the list of people to whom they should pay UAH 1000 as "social assistance".

https://www.rp.pl/Swiat/303129928-Prezydent-za-1000-hrywien.html

6. YULIA TYMOSHENKO DISCUSSES WITH THE HEAD OF EU DELEGATION TO UKRAINE MASSIVE VIOLATIONS DURING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN

March 14, 2019

Yulia Tymoshenko, presidential candidate and Batkivshchyna Party leader, has recently met with the Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine, Ambassador Hugues Mingarelli.



Yulia Tymoshenko told the ambassador about the situation in Ukraine and the presidential campaign, primarily the large-scale falsifications organized and carried out by the team of the current President Poroshenko.

"I would like you to know about the problems we are encountering in this election campaign. Large-scale violations and falsifications. There were two



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revolutions in Ukraine for freedom, democracy and European values. We very much hoped that dishonest elections would be put to an end, but what is happening is incompatible with democracy," the Batkivshchyna Party leader said.

She told the EU Ambassador about the methods of falsification being used by the team of President Petro Poroshenko.

"These dirty methods are completely distorting the will of the people of Ukraine. And this is unacceptable," Yulia Tymoshenko concluded.

Ambassador Hugues Mingarelli stressed that the elections in Ukraine should be honest and free and take place in accordance with OSCE standards.

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7. SERHIY TARUTA BACKS YULIA TYMOSHENKO IN PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Presidential candidate from Osnova Party Serhiy Taruta has decided to support Batkivshchyna Party leader Yulia Tymoshenko in Ukraine's presidential elections on 31 March.



On 16 March, the politicians signed a memorandum on cooperation.

"There is a high risk that the government will stay for five more years and that the war and economic ruin will continue. It's time for the pro-Ukrainian forces to win and to combine our efforts. We understand that the only candidate able to win is Yulia Tymoshenko. We have common energy and values. We both seek to build a happy Ukraine," Serhiy Taruta stressed.

He also added that his decision to back Yulia Tymoshenko is a signal for other candidates to think about the country.

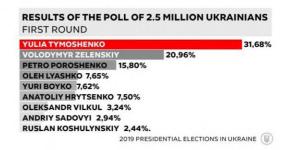
The memorandum signatories undertook commitments to stop the war in Donbas and to unite the country, to adopt a new People's Constitution, and to implement the program provisions of the candidates, namely the New Course for Ukraine and Ukraine 2030.

https://ba.org.ua/sergij-tarutapidtrimav-yuliyu-timoshenko-kandidatipidpisali-memorandum/

8. YULIA TYMOSHENKO WILL WIN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS - POLL OF 2.5 MILLION UKRAINIANS

March 15, 2019

The victory of Yulia Tymoshenko in the presidential elections on 31 March is beyond question according to a major nationwide poll. The survey found that 31.68% of voters will support her in the first round, and in the run-off she confidently defeats both Volodymyr Zelenskiy and Petro Poroshenko.



These are the results of one of the biggest polls conducted in Ukraine's history. During February, 2.5 million citizens were interviewed in all regions, and in most

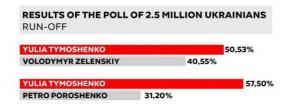






cities, towns, and villages across the country.

The following results were obtained: Yulia Tymoshenko has the first place with 31.68%, Volodymyr Zelenskiy is the second with 20.96%, Petro Poroshenko is the third with 15.8%. In the run-off, Yulia Tymoshenko defeats both Volodymyr Zelenskiy 50.53% against 40.55% correspondingly, and Petro Poroshenko by 57.5% against 31.2%



2019 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN UKRAINE

This poll differs from others due to the number of respondents: in this case, 2.5 million citizens were interviewed and not a couple of thousand. The results of 7 waves of elections in the united territorial communities published on the CEC

website confirm the numbers received as a result of the poll.

All sociological surveys conducted by the respected companies before December proved that Yulia Tymoshenko was the clear leader. However, since the beginning of the election campaign, signs of dirty manipulations have started to appear in survey results. This is why Batkivshchyna Party has decided to publish poll results it has conducted numerous times and that are always confirmed by the official election results on the CEC website.

https://ba.org.ua/yuliya-timoshenkoperemagaye-na-viborax-prezidenta-danianketuvannya-25-mln-ukra%D1%97nciv/

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NEW COURSE FOR UKRAINE

THE ACTION PROGRAM
OF PRESIDENTIAL
CANDIDATE
YULIA TYMOSHENKO



We, the GREAT UKRAINIAN PEOPLE, need to become a strong and successful nation, an equal among equals on a par with the developed countries. We have comprehended all the challenges facing us as a country; we know how to pave the right path to peace, to a successful, prosperous life of people. I am convinced that Ukraine will manage to become a prosperous, powerful European country. And we will do it with you!

In a modern competitive and rather brutal world, each millimetre of success won back is important. In this global competitive struggle only the stronger wins. We should not count on outside help. Our strength is in ourselves, Ukrainians. We, the Ukrainians, are the best! It gives us that compelling force that will help us pass any test and overcome any obstacles.

Today, prices and tariffs continue to grow at an insane pace. Low wages and pensions do not allow Ukrainians to buy bare essentials. There is growing debt for utilities, no money for "free" medicine. Most Ukrainians believe that the country faces a new genocide according a rigorous external plan.

Hundreds of thousands of our children leave us and go to other countries. We need to protect their future, build a country where they would like to live and work.

We must gather all our national forces together and redistribute them to overcoming poverty, corruption and injustice. We, the Ukrainians, have to be cleansed of everything that prevents us from living happily. We need to unite and no longer allow anyone to divide us by territorial, linguistic, political, and religious characteristics.

We will stabilize the current situation and pave the way for the further rapid development of Ukraine. My goal is to build a state where everyone will find their place, their success, their stability and their peace. Where everyone can live happily, rather than heroically fight every day against the callous, corrupt ruling circles.

The New Course for Ukraine is our real path to the revival, paved by a large team of Ukrainian specialists. Hundreds of experts, lawyers, economists, representatives of Ukrainian civil society have been working for more than four years on the New Course for Ukraine.

Developed by the Ukrainian creative class, the New Course for Ukraine brings together citizens willing to live in a successful and happy country, seeing their future, the future of their children and grandchildren beautiful and, most importantly, in their homeland! No one will ever destroy our spirit, our soul, our will and our national intellectual level. We, the Ukrainians, can and we must offer ourselves and the world a fundamentally new way of life for people. A more spiritual, just and honest way than one existing today. The way which will allow everyone to fully, freely and directly live up to their potential.

A lot of work is ahead! And we will begin immediately, the day after the victory!



THE NATIONAL IDEA THAT WE BELIEVE TO BE IN TIME FOR THE UKRAINIAN NATION IS THE CREATION OF SUCH ORDER AND RULES OF LIVING TOGETHER SO THAT EVERYONE WOULD BE ABLE TO COMPLETELY AND FREELY LIVE UP TO HIS OR HER POTENTIAL IN HARMONY WITH THE CREATOR, NATURE, SOCIETY AND HUMANITY, WITHOUT VIOLATING LAWS OF THE UNIVERSE. I AM SURE THAT WE WILL DO THIS FOR OURSELVES AND FOR THE WORLD. WE, UKRAINIANS, WILL PAVE THE WAY FOR OTHERS.

ONE OF THE MAIN PRIORITIES WE FOCUSE
ON ARE EDUCATION AND SCIENCE. AND THIS
PRIORITY WILL BE PRIMARILY PROVIDED WITH
FINANCIAL RESOURCES, STRONG STRATEGIES AND
ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITIES OF THE STATE.

FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW COURSE FOR UKRAINE, WE NEED TO CARRY OUT THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY ACTIONS:

- CONDUCTING A POPULATION CENSUS. WE SHOULD KNOW HOW MANY UKRAINIANS ARE LEFT IN UKRAINE.
- MAKING AN INVENTORY OF ALL OUR NATIONAL RESOURCES: LAND, FORESTS, RESERVOIRS, MINERAL AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES, PROPERTY AND SO ON.



is a clear step-by-step plan to put an end to disorder and to get on the path of Ukraine's development. It consists of five key areas:

NEW STRATEGY FOR PEACE AND SECURITY —

is a real path to peace and restoration of our territorial integrity, to strengthening the national defence capability.

The main goal is the peaceful life and security of every Ukrainian citizen.

2. NEW PEOPLE'S CONSTITUTION —

will eliminate the corrupted system of oligarchic clans and return the country to people.

Will establish justice, ensure equality before the law.

Everyone will be able to directly influence their own lives and the life of their country, making decisions and monitoring their implementation.

3. NEW ECONOMIC STRATEGY -

is the transition from the out-dated resource economy to the economy of innovation development with a strong middle class.

4. NEW SOCIAL DOCTRINE -

is a gradual attaining European standards for wages and living conditions over five years.

5. NEW YOUTH POLICY —

is the creation of conditions for the full realization of the country's main potential – the youth.



1. NEW **STRATEGY FOR PEACE** AND **SECURITY**

BLUEPRINT FOR OUR ACTION

- At the present stage, the task of the Ukrainian army is to restrain the aggressor and build up its forces.
- The task of Ukrainian diplomacy, headed by the President, is to take offensive and seek collective international measures to force the aggressor to peace and return Crimea and Donbass.

STRONG DIPLOMACY

In 1994, at the request of the entire civilized world, Ukraine refused the third largest nuclear arsenal. We have fulfilled our obligations to mankind. We dared to do that because the strongest countries in the world, the United States, Great Britain and Russia, gave us official international guarantees of inviolability of our borders and the non-use of military aggression against us. These guarantees were enshrined in an international document - the Budapest Memorandum. Subsequently, France and China joined this Memorandum. Now we have the right to demand strong and effective actions from countries that gave us these guarantees.

In the modern world, only those guarantees on which the interested party firmly insists are respected and fulfilled. Since the war began, the President of Ukraine has refused to demand implementation of international guarantees. But instead, he sat down at the negotiating table in Minsk with the leaders of "LNR" and "DNR".

We consider this a conspiracy behind the Ukrainian people's back. International guarantees must be fulfilled. Otherwise they are not worth the paper on which they are written.

Our strategy for peace places emphasis on the Budapest format of negotiations with the participation of the guarantor states: the United States, Great Britain, Russia, China, and France. Only in this format of negotiations Ukraine, which has fulfilled all its obligations, will have a strong stand and will be able to achieve peace.

We will demand a collective use of measures that are sufficiently effective to force the Russian Federation to peace and liberation of Crimea and Donbass.

We will insist on significant strengthening of international militarytechnical assistance, which is muchneeded by the country to create an effective air defence system, to revive the Naval Forces and to strengthen our capabilities to resist a land-based invasion at the current level.

We need a real peace, not its illusion extended for many years.

We will facilitate a genuine negotiation process, the unconditional fulfillment of the guarantees given to us and the restoration of peace in accordance with the Budapest Memorandum.

STRONG ARMY

Diplomatically, it is possible to achieve only those goals for achieving which there are sufficient military capabilities. That is why one of the foundations of our strategy for peace and security is to strengthen the Ukrainian army.

In today's rigorous and aggressive world, where the struggle for resources is intensifying, it is impossible to secure state independence, the inviolability of borders and the sovereign right to manage one's life without a strong army. The war that the aggressor country is leading against us today is a tragic proof of this.

The country needs a professional (based on contract principles) army that is morally and materially motivated, well-trained, equipped, and well-armed, built on powerful motivations of soldiers and commanders. The foundation of a strong army is people, respect for the soldier and trust in the commander. We will create such an army.

Our task is to make sure that the defining sense of every soldier defending our country was a sense of confidence.

- Confidence that the state appreciates and respects its military business.
- Confidence that in the rear his family is settled and protected by the state.
- Confidence in the reliability of the weapon given to him by the state, confidence in commanders, headquarters and the home front.
- Confidence that a soldier living, wounded or dead – will not leave on the battlefield and will not be forgotten in captivity.

We will carry out a full modernization of the Armed Forces of Ukraine according to NATO standards and increase our military potential to the level of strong armies in the world. We will always need a strong army, as a factor of stability and an argument reminding us that Ukraine's interests must be considered.

SOLID SUPPORT TO A SOLDIER

Immediately after the presidential election, a new contract for service in the Armed Forces of Ukraine will be approved; a contract drafted on the basis of proposals of thousands of soldiers that will ensure a European level of service conditions for soldiers and officers.

An important part of the new contract will be a motivational package approved by law, which includes guaranteed housing. If a military signs a 15-year contract to serve in the army, the state provides him/her with an apartment at the beginning of service, provides guaranteed medical insurance, decent pension insurance and other important

issues, as well as provides additional benefits for war veterans and members of their families.

The wage of a common contract soldier will be one and a half times higher than the average wage in the country. The entire system of payment for military business will depend on the level of responsibility, qualifications of the soldier, as well as the degree of risk to life.

For each year of soldier's serving in the operation zone, a required increase in wages will be introduced up to 20% annually.

REINTEGRATION AND RESTITUTION OF TERRITORIES FREED FROM OCCUPATION

De-occupation and reintegration of the temporarily occupied Ukrainian territories are not successive stages, but parallel, interconnected processes that need to be addressed today.

Our team has developed a Ukrainian program for the reintegration of Crimea and Donbass, which is an alternative to the current «Minsk formula». The key task of this program is to destroy the wall of fear, misunderstanding and hatred that is being artificially raised between Ukraine and the occupied territories. The key task of this program is to bring millions of people out of stress.

Two million Ukrainians forced to flee the war did not go to the aggressor country, not to Europe and not to America. They found salvation at home, in Ukraine! It was they who refuted the myth about non-Ukrainian Donbass or Crimea. Citizens of Donetsk and Crimes are Ukrainians! Donbass and Crimea belong to Ukraine in both letter and spirit! The state is obliged to surround them with care and support.

Internally displaced persons and patriots who endured in occupation are our mainstay and the main personnel reserve for the restoration of Ukrainian power in the Donbass and Crimea. Supporting and protecting the rights of internally displaced persons is a matter of dignity for Ukraine and an investment in achieving sustainable peace. Today, the state must stop discrimination of displaced persons, give them the right to vote, provide affordable housing and work, and restore confidence in the future.

The state will create all guaranteed conditions for the unrestricted and safe return of Ukrainians to their homes in the de-occupied territories.

The International Fund for Donbass Restoration and Development will be established, which will involve international donors and investors

RECOVERY OF DAMAGES FROM RUSSIA

We will make a thorough inventory of damages caused by Russia.

We are ready to make exhaustive efforts to bring the Russian Federation as an aggressor state to legal accountability. The purpose of such efforts is to obtain compensation for the damage caused to Ukrainian

citizens, Ukrainian business and the Ukrainian state.

We will defend in the courts the rights of the state and citizens that have been violated by the aggressor country – the Russian Federation.

LIABILITY OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR CORRUPTION AT WAR

Our army is dressed and armed not by presidents, ministers and deputies, but by Ukrainian taxpayers; therefore, every citizen has the right to demand that every penny is used for making enhancements to defence, and not stolen or kept offshore. With the participation of international experts, we will carry out an integrated, comprehensive, unbiased investigation of illegal corrupt plundering schemes in the defence sector, money laundering through arms trade and blood money "at war" and bring the guilty to the most severe criminal responsibility. For such crimes there will be no period of limitation!!!

UKRAINE'S ACCESSION TO NATO

Only a modern, capable army and a full membership of Ukraine in NATO – collective security and defence system of the global peace – can be the guarantee of security of our country and every Ukrainian family.

To be alone in the global world has become extremely dangerous!

NATO spends one trillion dollars a year on military defence of its member countries. Waging war against Ukraine, the Russian Federation spends on its army USD 66 billion a year, and Ukraine – only USD 3 billion! With such expenditures for the army and with such a state of it as today, Ukraine can at any moment become an easy target for any military invasion. And the war that the aggressor country is currently running against us is proof of that. The great world struggle for vital resources is just beginning. We must protect ourselves for the sake of our children! Only NATO membership can provide such protection. There is no other way.

UKRAINE IS A PEACEFUL
COUNTRY. WE, UKRAINIANS, ARE
PEACEFUL PEOPLE, BUT LIFE HAS
TAUGHT US TO PROTECT OUR
LAND AND OUR VALUES. AND WE
WILL DEFEND THEM FIERCELY AND
PROFESSIONALLY!



2. NEW PEOPLE'S CONSTITUTION

Today, Ukrainian citizens are not masters in their country. The fifth article of the Constitution states that the Ukrainian people is the bearer of sovereignty and the only source of power in Ukraine. Unfortunately, this is not true. The real authority in Ukraine is the corrupt clanbased structure – the oligarchy, and all of us, Ukrainians, are their labour force.

The thirteenth article of the Constitution states that the land, its minerals, water and other natural resources are the property of the Ukrainian people. But this is not the case either. The resources of the country today belong to the very same mafia.

The rights and freedoms of people are well specified in the Constitution, but they are blatantly ignored by senior officials and civil servants.

After the adoption of the New Constitution: •

- System of oligarchic clans will be eliminated. Fair rules of life will be established in the interests of people.
- Ukrainians will be able to independently manage their state in their own interests.
- Immunity of all high officials the president, judges, and deputies – will be completely waived. The law will be one for all.
- Citizens will have an unconditional right to change central and local authorities at any moment not through sacrificial revolutions, but through a referendum on a people's initiative (without government intervention).
- All supervisory bodies will be appointed independently of politicians, deputies, executive and judicial authorities, and will prevent corruption, strictly control the implementation of the Constitution, laws, and the observance of human rights and freedoms. Today, all supervisors are not independent. We will change it!

- Peace judges and judges of local courts will be elected by the people, but without political advertisement. The latter will generally be prohibited for everyone.
- Courts will be completely separated from any political and power influences.



There is a pressing need of reviewing the extremely unfair rules of our lives! This means adopting the New Constitution of Ukraine. It provides for the construction of a society where there will no longer be oligarchic clans; a society where Ukrainians will choose in a referendum such a way of life in which no one will ever be able to violate their rights and freedoms with impunity.

Yulia Tymoshenko



They will be independently elected or appointed and supervised by the public Chambers of Honour.

- Citizens will be granted the right to a legislative initiative in the form of petitions.
- Public organizations, nation's moral and spiritual leaders will necessarily be directly involved in the governance of the country.
- A new constitutional body the National Strategic Centre of Ukraine – will be established, which will be the driving force for the country's innovation development.
- The parliamentary opposition will be endowed with all rights of parliamentary control. It will appoint members and heads of the Accounting Chamber,

temporary investigative commissions, and special parliamentary prosecutors. It will be entitled to apply directly to the court for the results of inspections.

 The New Constitution will provide strong rights and opportunities to local communities. They will have the right, irrespective of whether they united or not, to form their executive committees, will have taxes assigned to their budget (100% of the personal income tax, 100% of the land tax and guaranteed parts of all other taxes). Communities will be able to completely dispose of land within their borders. Regions and districts will be governed by prefects.

AND NOW THE MOST IMPORTANT THING!

THE NEW CONSTITUTION, WHICH
ELIMINATES THE SYSTEM OF OLIGARCHIC
CLANS AND CORRUPTION, WILL NEVER
BE ADOPTED BY AN OLIGARCHIC AND
CORRUPT PARLIAMENT.

AFTER INAUGURATION, THE NEW
PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE WILL
ANNOUNCE THE ALL-UKRAINIAN
REFERENDUM, AND IN THIS
REFERENDUM, THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE
WILL ADOPT A NEW CONSTITUTION.

THAT'S HOW THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE
WILL LAUNCH THE NEW STAGE IN THE
HISTORY OF UKRAINE, BY INITIATING
ESTABLISHMENT OF THEIR OWN, FAIR
RULES OF LIFE.



3. NEW ECONOMIC STRATEGY

NEW QUALITY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Based on the New Constitution, we will eliminate the structure of oligarchic clans and demonopolize all sectors of our economic life in order to create equal opportunities for the development of all entrepreneurial initiatives in our country under conditions of genuine competition and a real market.

The administrative rule of terror against entrepreneurs will be immediately and severely stopped. Power structures will no longer "cover" corporate raiding, extortion, smuggling, and illegal deals, as the new Constitution will place them under real mandatory control of civil society.

On the basis of the New Constitution, through All-Ukrainian associations, representatives of professional circles and civil society will be involved in the governance of the country by investing their experience and intelligence in the public administration system, and by establishing an unwavering public control over all branches of government.

On the basis of the New Constitution, a court system will be established, so that Ukrainian citizens and foreign investors will never have doubts in its justness.





FINANCIAL STABILITY AND AFFORDABLE CREDITING

For the revival and development of the economy, it is necessary to immediately start a large-scale, comprehensive long-term crediting to the Ukrainian economy. And we will do it!

We will restore confidence in the banking system, support the creation and development of Ukrainian banks.

For small businesses and farmers, a loan insurance system instead of collateral will be developed and introduced.

We will change the inefficient policy of the National Bank of Ukraine in the field of monetary, currency and banking regulation. Therefore, we will:

- stop inflation, liquidate the financial pyramid of abuse of savings certificates at the National Bank, which depletes Ukraine of billions of dollars and moves them offshore.
- implement market-based strengthening of the national currency – the hryvnia – devalued by illegal means;
- reduce the cost of credit resources in the Ukrainian banking system to the average European rates of 3-5% per annum, as the result of stopping inflation;
- simplify the terms and procedures for obtaining loans by Ukrainian

entrepreneurs and turn to the policy of long-term lending for a period of 15-20 years for development and modernization of Ukrainian enterprises.

 radically simplify and mitigate the requirements for the work of Ukrainian banks.

The work of the Deposit Guarantee Fund will be uncompromising and indepth. Corrupt officials will be punished for every stolen penny.

We will restore justice for those people who have lost their bank deposits and property during an illegally organized precipitous fall in the hryvnia exchange rate.

Any official who is guilty of destroying the country's financial sector, deliberate bankruptcy of Ukrainian banks and Ukrainian entrepreneurs, excessive artificial cheapening of the national currency, as well as corruption in the National Bank, the Ministry of Finance and other financial institutions will be prosecuted.

NEW ENERGY POLICY

Being a significant component of Ukraine's national security, our energy independence will be identified as the major priority of our energy policy. We will create conditions for the rapid development of renewable energy: solar, wind, geothermal etc. This means the priority and unhindered lending, the introduction of green technologies for production of electricity and heat. We will eliminate

all bureaucratic obstacles to the development of green energy for small and medium businesses.

A fully-fledged electricity market will be introduced, which will create real competition and reduce electricity tariffs.

We will fully demonopolize gas imports and provide open trade in all kinds of energy resources in Ukraine, which will allow creating transparent prices and will help to reduce energy costs.

In order to ensure energy security, we will rapidly develop our own coal industry instead of importing expensive foreign coal.

All the entrepreneurs will be able to supply imported natural gas to Ukraine freely and without any restrictions on the Ukrainian power exchange. This will significantly reduce the price of gas for industrial consumers.

We will build LNG terminals for liquefied gas import of non-Russian origin, which will be the second step for reducing the price of gas for industry.

Within five years, we will organize large-scale extraction of our own natural gas and fully meet our needs. We will use our own gas for domestic consumption and export to Europe. That is how we will fill our gas transportation system with gas for export, and we will not have to count on gas supplies from Russia. We, the Ukrainians, have 960 billion cubic meters of natural gas in explored fields in Ukraine. It is enough for more than 40 years of energy self-sufficiency.

AGRICULTURAL SECTOR AND LAND RELATIONS REFORM

We will create conditions for intensive development of the agrarian sector as one of the main resources of the Ukraine's restoration.

We will define development and comprehensive state support of farms, small and medium-sized agricultural enterprises as the main strategy of agricultural policy. Today, 2.5 million farms operate in Poland, thus creating a strong Polish middle class. We have 20 thousand working farmers; every year sees a decrease in their number

because of raiding, overtaxing, lack of loans and access to market outlets. This shameful practice will be stopped. We will have 2.5 million farms, as in Poland.

Family farms will have decent state support, social and pension assistance.

Immediately after the presidential election, a law on the introduction of a single tax per hectare of land for farmers will be adopted.

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RESTORATION AND NEW QUALITY OF AGRICULTURAL LIFE

We will renew in villages programs for the construction of public roads, new highquality modern schools, cultural establishments and kindergartens.

Affordable medicine – first aid stations or OPD with modern equipment and necessary medicines – will be available in every village.

We will restore interest-free lending for housing construction in the countryside, especially for young people, teachers, medical staff and cultural workers.

We will review the pension reform. As a result, pensioners in rural areas will receive significantly increased (almost double) pensions.

WE WILL PROTECT AGRICULTURAL LAND AS A NATIONAL TREASURE FOR REAL FARMERS AND FUTURE GENERATIONS

We will provide the state or community with the opportunity to buy shares at market price from villagers willing to sell them.

We will make a complete inventory of agricultural land and adopt a strategy for its effective use. The agricultural land that has been stolen from the state or people will be returned. Thieves will be brought to criminal liability.

The barbaric exploitation of agricultural land will be stopped and effective control over crop rotation and land processing technologies will be introduced. We will introduce criminal responsibility for the deliberate destruction of the quality of agricultural land in order to preserve the most precious resource of the Ukrainian nation.

We will protect the right to own or lease land, and punishment for raiding will be harsh and inevitable.

Farmers, small and medium-sized agricultural producers who live and work on their land will be granted an exclusive right to purchase the land they lease at market price on the basis of long-term preferential loans.

We guarantee the owners of land shares a fair quasi rent, as well as the right to land for community workers of the village and ATO veterans.





OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK AND INCOME IN VILLAGES

We will introduce a long-term lending to farmers without collateral covered by risk insurance at 3 per cent interest per annum. Laws will be adopted to stimulate the development of agricultural co-operation, organic fruit and vegetable production, animal husbandry, as well as processing of agrarian raw materials.

Accounting, registration and control will be greatly simplified for family and small-scale farming. We will introduce training and advisory services.

Farmers, small and medium-sized agricultural producers will get easier access to trade networks, guaranteed by law.

ORGANIC AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

Special attention will be paid to organic production. The lands used for organic farming will receive a special status, and farmers will receive state support and tax incentives.

OPTIMAL SYSTEM OF TAXATION

We will reorganize tax authorities and completely liquidate the Tax Militia.

We will liquidate 37 corruptogenic quasitaxes giving officials the opportunity to pressure the business, in particular, state and court fees. These 37 quasitaxes constitute only 0.5% of budget income, while the work of entrepreneurs becomes dependent on officials.

Access of citizens to justice and property rights cannot be limited due to lack of the necessary amount of money.

We will introduce digital governance and prohibit the tax authorities from contacting taxpayers at the legislative level.

We will simplify the taxation system and drastically reduce aggregate business rates.

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4. NEW SOCIAL **DOCTRINE**

In the global world, the boundaries have long been absent. If a talented person wants to live and work in any country in the world, it's possible to do so quickly and freely. The doors of all countries for such a person are now open. The world's biggest competition now is the one for strong and smart people, and as of today,

we, Ukrainians, have lost it. Millions of young people leave Ukraine and move to other countries.

The New Social Doctrine will give us the opportunity to remedy this situation and create all conditions for the full realization of the potential of Ukrainians in Ukraine!

EUROPEAN WAGES

We aim at gradually achieving the average wage level in Poland expressed in dollars within the following five years. Today, the average wage in Poland is 3.5 times higher than in Ukraine. At this moment you think that this is impossible, but you should open the statistics of Ukraine in previous years, and you will see that after the Orange

Revolution from 2004 to the end of 2009, the average wage expressed in dollars has increased by 3.5 times. We did it then and we will do it now!

If we, Ukrainians, do not level our average wage with the average wage of Poland, we will be left without our people in the next five years!!!



FAIR PENSIONS

We will introduce a new personalized pension system instead of the old pay-as-you-go system, which we have today. This will become the basis for establishing fair pensions. In the current system, an employer makes much larger contributions to a pension fund over a person's whole working life than this person receives during his or her lifetime in the form of a pension. This injustice will be remedied.

Under the new system, pension contributions will be deposited to a private personal account of each person in the state bank during the entire period of employment. All these accumulated retirement money will belong to a person and will be kept exclusively on his or her private account at the state bank. No one will be able to reduce its amount. Not even a penny will be taken away.

Each person's retirement savings on the account at the state bank will be indexed annually, and the deposit interest will be constantly accrued. This will lead to an increase in the amount of pension money on each person's retirement account during the entire period of employment.

The state will guarantee preservation of private retirement accounts with all its resources.

After retirement, a person will be able to dispose of his private retirement account at his or her own discretion.

If a person fails to spend money on his or her retirement account within the lifetime, the amount remaining will be inherited by members of his or her family.

Private retirement accounts of people who have already retired or served out the required part of their work experience will be opened immediately after the adoption of the law on the new pension system. These accounts will include all pension contributions for the entire period of employment. These contributions will be adequately indexed with the definition of the terms of use.

Such a pension reform will at least double pensions for those whose social welfare is unfair.

AFFORDABLE MEDICINE

The so-called "medical reform" that was conducted is another form of reducing the Ukrainian population.

In 2020, compulsory medical insurance will be introduced at the expense of employers' funds, while simultaneously reducing the tax burden on their enterprises.

Medical insurance will include the full provision of every citizen with highestquality medical services at all levels, medicines, as well as disease prevention. The state will make health insurance contributions for underage children, pensioners, people with special needs and disabled persons.

According to a European model, emergency medical services will be provided completely free of charge for each call. This means that an ambulance car will be equipped with all the necessary medicines and professional physicians, and not with paramedics.

In five years, we will increase the wages of physicians to the level of wages in Poland. If we do not do this, we will be left without doctors.

People in rural areas will be provided with affordable high-quality care. It will not be telemedicine, but care provided directly by a qualified medical officer in a modern outpatient clinic or medical and obstetric centre.

Market for selling medicines will be completely demonopolized.

For the most important medicines, state regulation of prices will be introduced by setting manufacturer's marginal prices and maximum margin levels for resellers.

We will eliminate non-market margins on medicines and arrange drug advertising. This will significantly, by times, reduce the price of medicines in Ukraine.

A network of laboratories for state monitoring over the quality of medicines in pharmacies will be created. Severe criminal liability will be introduced for manufacturing and selling medicines of substandard quality.

A special support program for our Ukrainian pharmaceutical manufacturers will be implemented. The most important medicines should be produced in Ukraine. This is a question not only of patient safety, but of the state's national security.

CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Within five years, a national program "Barrier-free space" will be implemented for people with special needs.

We will introduce mechanisms of powerful motivation of entrepreneurs to employ people with special needs. A tax rate reduction scale will be introduced depending on the number of people with special needs working at the enterprise.

Enterprises created by people with special needs and employing people with disabilities will be exempt from taxation.

People with disabilities will be provided with guaranteed social benefits at the level of average wages. We will establish free medical insurance for people with special needs at the expense of the state with the provision of the whole spectrum of medical services at the highest level.

Seriously ill, disabled people with special needs will be provided with round-the-clock permanent foster care services at the place of residence at public expense.

RESTORATION OF JUSTICE

Laws that guaranteed social protection until 2014 to Afghans, Chernobyl victims and other groups of people, and which were cynically repealed in 2014-2018, will be restored. The state budget for 2019 will be amended to allocate funds for the financial support of these updated provisions.

FAIR TARIFFS

In the first month of the new president's term, gas prices will be reduced by half, which also means lowering of heating and hot water supply tariffs.

We will direct our own gas exclusively to the needs of the population. State enterprises produce 16.4 billion cubic meters of gas. The population consumes 15.8 billion cubic meters of gas. So, we have enough of our own gas for our own needs.

Taking into account extraction, taxes, transportation and 30% of the industry's profit, today the cost of our Ukrainian gas is 3.5 hryvnias per cubic meter, and they sell it to people for 8.5 hryvnias! Almost 2.5 times more expensive! We will stop this corruption!

HIGH-QUALITY AND AFFORDABLE EDUCATION

Education and science is the major priority of the New Course for Ukraine. And this strategic priority will be secured by the state's financial resources and organizational capabilities.

Education in Ukraine, from primary to higher education, will be free, as in all developed European countries. The access of children and young people to all levels of education cannot depend on the wealth of the parents. We will ensure the absolute equality of all children in access to the most modern and high-quality educational institutions.

Financing of education will be carried out on the basis of a system providing for a single school tax for legal entities and individuals. At the same time, this will not become a burden for entrepreneurs, as the overall tax burden on them will be reduced. Taking into account the collected funds, we will introduce a single standard for payment for education in line with European standards. It doesn't matter where children are going to study, in a private or state institution, money will follow them.

We will resume free extracurricular programs for children (sports sections and schools, circles, art studios, music schools, etc.) through the introduction of new standards for financing of education.

There is nothing more important than the overall development of our children. This is our nation's success.

The state will have special programs for development and education for especially gifted children.

We will carry out a complete modernization of all educational institutions at the expense of foreign export lending for a term of at least 20 years and at an annual interest rate of no more than 3%.

In five years, we will raise the wages of educators, namely tutors, teachers, librarians and lecturers, to the average European level. This is one of the major priorities of the educational program, which will restore respect for the profession of teacher, lecturer and scholar, and will attract the best specialists to the pedagogical activity.

We will introduce a separate, multipurpose financing system for science to stimulate the development of universitybased innovation clusters. Such a system will contribute to the efficient use of scientific research and innovative technologies for rapid economic growth.

Medical facilities will be restored in all educational institutions, thus ensuring control and protection of children's health.

UKRAINIAN SPIRITUALITY AND CULTURE

Ukrainian culture is our invaluable national heritage. This is our Ukrainian world, which requires special and careful attitude, protection and development. This is our unique national code, a cultural code that identifies us as Ukrainians in the world.

We will finally do what the cultural figures are dreaming about – Ukrainian culture will be funded not by residual principle.

We will modernize Ukrainian culture: while preserving traditional platforms, we will create absolutely new modern ones for the presentation of our unique cultural heritage both in Ukraine and abroad.

A law on patronage will be adopted. Not only will we reduce the burden on the state budget, but we will also make the culture financing system more flexible: state cultural institutions will be able to receive support from private institutions, and business that supports culture will obtain preferences.

Artistic youth, creative people, talented musicians, artists and writers will be supported by special scholarships and grants.

We will provide sufficient and reliable funding for the newly established Ukrainian Institute and expand powerful centres of Ukrainian presence and culture in the world.

We will create the Fund for financing of foreign language translations of the best Ukrainian literary works, which will support the best foreign specialists in translating them into world languages and popularizing the Ukrainian cultural heritage.

We will finance Ukrainian culture at the level of UAH 8-9 billion annually, responsibly and transparently directing financing on the basis of a broad public discussion of support for our cultural needs.

We will continue the practice of allocating sufficient funds for financing Ukrainian cinema, books, Ukrainian content on radio and television.

For me, Ukrainian culture and the Ukrainian language are one. We will do our utmost and, in the first place, will financially support the Ukrainian language in all spheres without exception. Together, we will adopt the Law "On Ensuring the Functioning of the Ukrainian Language as a State Language".

We will support the successful launch of the Ukrainian Book Institute, which is currently engaged in replenishing the funds of Ukrainian libraries with books by Ukrainian authors.

The Ukrainian state will support the Orthodox Church of Ukraine which unites Ukrainians and will necessarily receive patriarchate. We will protect our church, in particular by law; we will foster understanding and tolerance among representatives of different religions and denominations.

We will launch two major programs aimed at the restoration and conservation of unique architectural monuments: "Castles of Ukraine" and "Temples of Ukraine".

We will complete our Ukrainian Louvre, Mystetskyi Arsenal, and modernize the National Museum of Ukraine!

For the first time in the history of independent Ukraine, we will place the state's emphasis on the policy of active development of tourism by familiarizing ourselves with our historical, cultural and architectural heritage.

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ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY OF PEOPLE

The entire civilized world is now shifting towards green transformation and introduction of the circular economy. This means that, without exception, all industrial and household waste is reused or recycled using the latest, environmentally friendly technologies. The functioning of the circular economy provides additional income for countries, as well as perfectly clean air, water and land. Immediately after the presidential election, we will start gradually transferring the Ukrainian economy into a circular model and ensure economic growth without harming the environment.

An international audit of all sources of air, water and land pollution in our country will be immediately conducted. All enterprises polluting the environment will receive preferential long-term loans at an annual interest rate of 3% for upgrading emission control systems and installing online monitoring sensors. If such modernization is not carried out within the established minimum time, such enterprises will be closed or subject to significant fines.

We will create a branching network of laboratories for monitoring the quality of drinking water and food. In a short time, genetically modified products, unsafe water and low-quality food will be removed from the market. We will not allow anyone else to poison us and our children with inconsumable junk.

We will introduce criminal liability for those who produce or sell low-quality water or food.

In case of non-compliance with environmental norms, the state will provide a person with compensation for losses associated with deteriorating health at the expense of those who violate these environmental standards. We will introduce a moratorium on deforestation at the legislative level and will renew the afforestation program, which was in operation in our country until 1991. In 1991, afforestation of the territory of Ukraine was 21%, and now it is only 15%. We will bring back the 1991 standard.

The amount of greenhouse gas emissions will be significantly reduced through the use of "green" technologies in all sectors of the economy with the involvement of international climate finance.

New standards will be set to reduce the maximum permissible content of carbon monoxide in exhaust gases of automobiles, and the "green transport" strategy will be supported.

We will create additional conditions for implementing green and smart city development programs: an increase in green areas, parks, and the introduction of infrastructure for bicycles, electric vehicles and public transport.

We will introduce a sorting and environmentally friendly, non-waste, profitable waste recycling technology (pyrolysis) across our country to exempt it from landfills. Ukraine will be cleared of rubbish!

The government's priority will be popularization of green energy among the population and small and medium businesses. We will stimulate the development of energy cooperatives and increase financing of state programs for energy-efficient modernization and winterization of people's houses.

We will introduce the best European environmental standards and implement the UN sustainable development goals in Ukraine.



5. NEW YOUTH POLICY

NEW JOBS

The New Economic Strategy for Ukraine which we offer will boost production and help create millions of new jobs with decent wages, including for young people.

Substantial tax incentives will be granted to employers who give jobs to graduates of educational institutions.

Hundreds of thousands of jobs will be created for young people willing to engage in entrepreneurship on the basis of microfinance.



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MICROFINANCE OF THE NEW ENTREPRENEURSHIP

We will implement a long-term microfinance program for young people and middle class for all types of small businesses. The microfinance program is one of the most efficient systems in the modern world! Professor Muhammad Yunus received the Nobel Prize for inventing and developing the microcredit system. After the presidential election, the microfinance program for young people and anyone willing to engage in entrepreneurship will be brought to life on a large scale!

A special law will be adopted to ensure the microfinance program.

According to this law, every commercial bank of Ukraine will be obliged to establish a microfinance department and create a data bank of tens of thousands of business plans that have undergone a banking survey. The volume of one microcredit cannot exceed the equivalent of USD 100 000.

Such microcredits will be provided on a long-term basis, without collateral – under mandatory risk insurance and no more than at 3% per annum Anyone willing to engage in entrepreneurship will be able to choose a ready-made business plan at the bank, open a credit line and start working.

The bank will not have the right to hand money to a person. All financing will be carried out exclusively by targeted transfers according to the components of the business plan under the complete control of the bank.

The return of microcredit and the accrued interest under the control of the bank begins when the new enterprise becomes profitable.

To provide commercial banks with microfinance resources, the law will envisage a system of refinancing commercial banks from the NBU.

The microfinance program will allow in the short term to create millions of jobs and restore the middle class of entrepreneurs in Ukraine, which has been fully destroyed over the last five years.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Affordable housing does not mean cheap, low-quality housing. It means high-quality housing which can be owned or used by the majority of the country's population!

To solve the housing problem in Ukraine:

- a mortgage insurance fund will be established;
- a mortgage loan will secure the purchase of an apartment without a down payment covered by special risk insurance;
- after adjusting the policy of the National Bank of Ukraine and stopping inflation, the interest rate on loans, including mortgages, will be no more than 3% per annum;
- a mortgage loan will be issued for a period of up to 30 years, depending on the decision of the family buying a house. A monthly installment for the mortgage repayment will be affordable

for the family and will not ruin its financial life;

- if the family members who are repaying the mortgage have temporarily lost their jobs, then no one will have the right to immediately take the apartment. Adequate time will be provided for finding a new job, and for that period of time, the payment of the mortgage loan will be suspended
- It will take some time to search for a new job, and at this time, the mortgage repayment will be suspended.

We will "liberate" the construction sector by removing bureaucratic shackles. Because of numerous requirements and permissions, builders are forced to hand over up to 50% of the cost price of the object to corrupt officials. We will immediately stop it by adopting a relevant law together with the builders, which will enable them to work without corruption. This will significantly reduce housing costs.

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES WHICH GIVE UKRAINE CHILDREN

Today in Ukraine, the death rate is twice the birth rate. We will do our best to stop this process.

For this purpose, first and foremost, we will bring back benefits for the birth of a child that we had before. UAH 50 000 for the first child, UAH 100 000 for the

second child, and UAH 150 000 for the third and subsequent children. The one-time payments will be made in the first week after child birth.

The state will provide many families with special comprehensive support programs.



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NEW COURSE FOR UKRAINE IS NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE!

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OUR HOMELAND, AS WELL AS OUR HOMES AND
PARENTS. AND ONLY TOGETHER WE WILL BE ABLE
TO PUT AN END TO THE TURMOIL IN OUR COUNTRY.

EACH OF US WANTS CHANGE! THE WHOLE NATION
SEEKS TO SEE ANOTHER UKRAINE - A HAPPY,
PROSPEROUS AND SUCCESSFUL COUNTRY. THIS IS
A VERY IMPORTANT CHOICE!

WE HAVE REPEATEDLY PROVED OURSELVES AND
THE WHOLE WORLD THAT WE ARE CAPABLE OF
BIG CHANGES. IN 1991, WE UNITED TO REGAIN
OUR INDEPENDENCE – AND WE DID IT! IN 2014,
WE RALLIED TO REPEL THE ENEMY – AND WE DID
IT! IN 2019, WE WILL UNITE ONCE AGAIN TO MAKE
UKRAINE AND UKRAINIANS HAPPY, PROSPEROUS
AND CONFIDENT IN A PEACEFUL FUTURE – AND WE
WILL DO IT!



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